

Remarks

Status of the Claims

The claims have been amended. Claim 5 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Representative support for the amendments to the claims can be found in claim 5 and at page 13, lines 22-25. The amendments to the claims do not add new matter.

Allowable Claims/Claim Objections

The Office Action on page 4 indicated that claims 5-14 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowable in presented in an independent form. Accordingly, Applicants have amended the claims.

Rejection under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph

Claims 1, 4, 17, and 19 are rejected for allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement.

The Office Action on page 3 alleged that Applicants have not provided sufficient support for a genus of CCR5 antagonists. Without acquiescing to the merits of this rejection, Applicants have amended the claims to recite specific classes of CCR5 antagonists, as evidenced by the specification at page 5, lines 15-27 and page 13, lines 22-25. These classes of compounds are described in the specification and are known in the art to antagonize CCR5. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to claim 1 have overcome the basis for this rejection. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

The foregoing amendments and remarks are being made to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments, reconsideration, and the timely allowance of the pending claims. A favorable action is awaited. Should the Examiner find that an interview would be helpful to further prosecution of this application, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at her convenience.

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